

# HIGH TAXES WORRY THE REPUBLICANS.

## Farmers and Small Land Owners Make Strong Protests.

LOWER RATE IMPROBABLE.

## Legislative Majority to Practise "Economy" Only in Petty Matters.

SCHEMES FOR RAISING MONEY.

Talk of Passing a State Income Tax Law—The Good Roads Bill Will Not Receive Favorable Action.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—With "Lou" Payn off the hands of the Governor and the Legislature, the Republican majority in the Legislature came face to face with another problem to-day, the taxes. Men who are watching politics at the State Capitol declare that Payn and the high taxes are the two main rocks of the shoal.

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upon which the dominant party will go to pieces, perhaps not next Fall, but surely the following year.

Upon "Lou" Payn's nomination the Re-

publican's split without regard to residence in the city or the country. On the true question the Republican legislators from the rural districts are drifting far from the ideas of their urban fellow Senators, and the break, which legislators expect soon, will be as wide as the chasm which the appointment of Payn has put between the dominant party and the people. With these conditions confronting the majority,

the minority is found to be united on the real questions of political policy and ready to take advantage of the mistakes of Governor Black and the Republican majority.

That the minority is so united was made evident by the Democratic opposition to the confirmation of Payn.

**Protest Against Tax Rate.**

High taxes, the bane of the farmer and the small freeholder, who made the large Republican pluralities last year, appear to frighten the majority in many ways. Senators, whose constituents are mainly farmers and the dwellers in villages, are being pursued by their constituents, who ask if the enormously high tax rate of last year is to

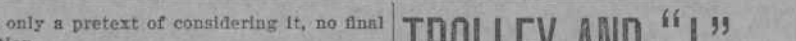
enormously high tax rate of last year is to be a burden to them this year, the prosperity promised by the McKinley men not having made its appearance yet, so far as the rural citizens are concerned, at least.

Two Senators to-day, when they were asked what the majority was going to do to reduce the tax rate and stop the grumbling of the farmers, said that they had been

spoken to many times by their constituents on the subject of lower State taxes, but had no hope of relief except through a cutting of the appropriations for the maintenance of the Government.

Matters have become so serious for the small taxpayers in this State, which gave McKinley such a large vote, that there was

**Little Show for Income Tax Law.**—This bill will be introduced in the course of the week, but it is feared that the measure will meet the fate of Comptroller Robert's suggestion that higher collateral inheritance taxes be collected from the estates of dead millionaires. The Comptroller's plan was nipped in the bud. A bill will be introduced on the lines that he laid out, but there will



not accept any further suggestions, leaving them to be dealt with by the legislature. The Revision Committee will meet again until Friday.

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